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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PORT SEDAR - OIL REFINERY

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON LOCAL NIOC (NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY) REP IN RESPONSE TO REF A. HE HAD SEEN SAME PRESS RELEASE MENTIONED REFTTEL BUT HAD NO INFORMATION ON VERACITY OF ARTICLE SAYING DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE AT "HIGHER LEVEL."

2. NIOC REP ADDED THAT PROPOSED REFINERY WAS STILL UNDER STUDY. HIS SENEGALESE COUNTERPART WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING MADE UNCONVINCING CASE FOR BUILDING OF NEW REFINERY BASED ON LARGE THEORETICAL BUNKERING MARKET (OVER 400,000 TONS PER YEAR IN HIS ESTIMATION) AND INCREASED DOMESTIC DEMAND DUE TO PLANNED INDUSTRIALIZATION.

3. WE THEN CONTACTED WORLD BANK REP SINCE BANK STILL ADVISING GOS ON PORT SEDAR SITE SELECTION AND RELATED
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PROJECTS INCLUDING REFINERY. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT REFINERY HAD GOTTEN GO-AHEAD BUT CONCEDED "STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED." ON PORT SEDAR SITE STUDY HE MENTIONED THAT PRESELECTION PROCESS INITIATED BY GOS MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (REF B) HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SCRAPPED BECAUSE GOS HAD MOVED WITHOUT CONSENT OF BANK OR IRANIAN GOVERNMENT.

4. LOCAL TEXACO REP HAD ALSO SEEN ARTICLE AND DISCUSSED IT WITH COLLEAGUES IN LOCAL INDUSTRY. HE FEELS ARTICLE WAS PREMATURE AND THAT DECISION ON REFINERY WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

5. EMBASSY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT SENEGAL'S PETROLEUM NEEDS THROUGH 1990 CAN BE MET WITH MODEST EXPANSION AT EXISTING REFINERY (REF C). EXPORT POTENTIAL APPEARS VERY LIMITED DUE TO ABUNDANCE OF REFINING CAPACITY IN WEST AFRICA AND BUNKERING MARKET ALONE WOULD NOT JUSTIFY BUILDING NEW FACILITY.
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